

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 13-128 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been previously canceled. Claims 115-128 are new.

A check is included for the seventy three additional dependent claims amended (claims 115-128) herein. Claims 13-114 have already been paid for in a preliminary amendment filed on February 13, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nahi et al. (US 6,084,584) in view of Chatterjee et al. (US 5,774,126).

Applicant believes this rejection is moot in light of the preliminary amendment filed on February 13, 2004. Claims 1-12 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed on February 13, 2004, and claims 13-114 were added.

Applicant believes the claims filed in the preliminary amendment should have been fairly considered as the claims were filed simultaneously with the application, well before the mailing of the first office action. Therefore applicant requests an additional non-final office action which considers the merit of the claims filed in the February 13, 2004 preliminary amendment, as well as the amendment filed herein.

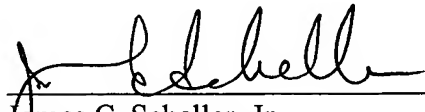
Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the arguments and amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond, and a check for the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge deposit account 02-2666 for any shortage in fees associated with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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